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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Report of the IAC Ad Hoc Committee to Develop a Recommended U. S. Policy Toward Soviet and Satellite Service Attache Personnel in the United States.

REFERENCE: (a) Memorandum from Director of Intelligence, USAF, to the DCI, dated 27 February 1950, Subject: Policy Concerning Treatment of USSR Attaches Accredited to the United States
(b) Letter from DCI to Director of Intelligence, USAF, dated 6 March 1950, subject as above
(c) Letter from Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., State Department, to General Cabell, USAF, dated 14 March 1950, subject as above
(d) Letter from Director of Intelligence, USAF, to the DCI dated 29 March, subject as above
(e) Minutes of the IAC Meeting 31 March 1950, paragraphs 15 and 16

1. Pursuant to the instructions of the Director of Central Intelligence, presented at the Intelligence Advisory Committee meeting on 31 March 1950, members of an Ad Hoc Committee were designated to develop a proposed policy toward Soviet and Satellite service attache personnel in the United States.

2. A proposed policy, developed by this Committee is submitted as Tab A. It is to be noted that the proposed policy applies to all official representatives of the Soviet and Soviet orbit nations in the United States rather than just the service attaches, as the Committee felt that such a policy should apply to all official representatives in order to be effective.

3. Development of a sound U. S. policy while striving toward a reciprocal balance, must remain within the realm of practicability, particularly with regard to U. S. capabilities to enforce the policy adopted. It was the opinion of the majority of the Committee that within this frame of reference, U. S. policy should be such as not to endanger, by evoking retaliatory measures thereto, the present intelligence collection capabilities of our representatives in Soviet Orbit nations. It was the opinion of the Air Force member of the Committee

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that a stricter policy would, on the contrary, be recognized by the Soviets as a forceful and determined expression of U. S. policy, and would tend, therefore, to develop a bargaining position which could only result in an alleviation of restrictions presently imposed on U. S. officials on duty in Soviet orbit nations.

4. In recommending initial U. S. policy, cognizance has been taken of existing restrictive policies in force in the USSR and satellite states, and of the implications involved in adopting the envisaged procedures.

5. It is the recommendation of the Committee:

a. That Tab A be approved by the Intelligence Advisory Committee and submitted to the U. S. Missions in the Soviet and Soviet Orbit nations for comment.

b. That, following such action, Tab A together with appropriate comments from the missions, be transmitted to the Secretaries of State, Defense, and Justice for appropriate action.

LOUIS W. PROPER
Colonel, USAF
CIA Chairman

Committee members:

Colonel D. W. Wackwitz, Air Force
Colonel A. J. D. Biddle, Army
Commander W. R. Wilson, Navy
Colonel R. F. C. Vance, J.I.G.
Mr. A. S. Buford III, State
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